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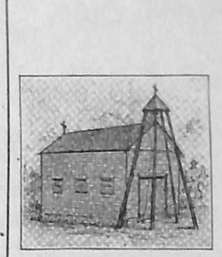
History of St. Philumena Parish

STONELICK TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

THERE is a charm inexpressible in words attached to the study of the growth and development of every institution. If it were possible to frame into a single sentence a comprehensive corollary on the Catholic parish of Stonelick, it might be said of its history, as well as of its present status and surroundings, that it breathes the charm of the busy country in contrast to the gloom of lonely towns and cities. The appeal of the location of its church and surroundings is irresistible to the lover of nature. Its environs are



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the undulating hills and valleys of Clermont County, the rippling stream before its face, the silent cities of its slumbering departed at its sides, the rustic ways and bridges, the green hills, the majestic woods and rolling meadows about—in a word, a view unmarred by handicraft or human habitation tells its crowded isolation, its lively solitude, its busy seclusion.

The story of its birth and growth is briefly told, and with it the story of the beginning of Catholicity in Clermont County; for by a priority of time St. Philumena's is honored with the motherhood of the five other parishes that now thrive within the county's confines. Its earliest dawn can be descried in the ministrations of those early missionary heroes whose deeds have become embalmed in the

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pages of Brown and Clermont Catholicity, and whose hardships and struggles have been committed